ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. HB0122

ENROLLED ACT NO. 19, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2015 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to workers' compensation; clarifying that a permanent total disability award be reduced for prior partial awards as specified; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 27-14-406(a) is amended to read:

## 27-14-406. Permanent total disability; benefits.

(a) Subject to W.S. 27-14-602, upon certification by a physician licensed to practice surgery or medicine that an injury results in permanent total disability as defined under W.S. 27-14-102(a)(xvi), an injured employee shall receive for eighty (80) months a monthly payment provided by W.S. 27-14-403(c) less any previous awards under W.S. 27-14-405 which were involved in the determination of permanent total disability, and dependent children shall receive an award as provided by W.S. 27-14-403 (b). The eighty (80) month period shall be reduced by the number of months for which previous awards under W.S. 27-14-405 were made for the injury that resulted in the determination of permanent total disability, with the injured worker receiving the monthly amount calculated pursuant to W.S. 27-14-403(c) for the balance of the eighty (80) month period. The monthly payment amount computed under W.S. 27-14-403(c) and any amount awarded under W.S. 27-14-408 shall constitute the exclusive benefit for both the physical impairment and the economic loss resulting from an injury, including loss of earnings, extra expenses associated with the injury and vocational rehabilitation. An employee shall not receive benefits under this section if receiving benefits under W.S. 27-14-404 or 27-14-405.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
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Governor	
TIME APPROVED:	
DATE APPROVED:	
I hereby certify that this act orig	ginated in the House.
Chief Clerk	